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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF U.S. LAW
REGARDING ADMISSION OF ALIENS TO
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER OF MAY 30, 1978
FROM PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS OF VENEZUELA
REFERRING TO PENDING APPLICATION BY TWO U.S. CITIZENS
WHO HAVE REVALIDATED THEIR ARCHITECTURAL DEGREES HERE,
TO BE ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGE, THEREBY ENABLING THEM
TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONALLY IN VENEZUELA.

2. LETTER STATES THAT UNDER VENEZUELAN LAW A PRE-
REQUISITE FOR PRACTICING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE,
AND RELATED PROFESSIONS IS TO BE A VENEZUELAN CITIZEN,
OR TO BE A CITIZEN OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY WHICH PERMITS
VENEZUELAN TO PRACTICE THESE PROFESSIONS. LETTER
REQUESTS EMBASSY OFFICIALLY TO CERTIFY THAT FOREIGNERS,
AND SPECIFICALLY VENEZUELAN, MAY FREELY PRACTICE
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND RELATED PROFESSIONS
IN ANY AND ALL OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS ALSO
REFERS TO TO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ALREADY PRESENTED BY
THE U.S. CITIZEN APPLICANTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CON-
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TENTION THAT FOREIGNERS ARE NOT BANNED FROM PRACTICING
ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE U.S. THIS CONSISTS
OF U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION OF JUNE 17, 1976
(EXAMINING BOARD OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS
ET AL V. FLORES DE OTERO) IN WHICH THE COURT HELD
UNCONSTITUTIONAL A PUERTO RICAN STATUTE PREVENTING
FOREIGNERS FROM PRACTICING CIVIL ENGINEERING. HOWEVER,

THE LETTER REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO CERTIFY THAT AS A
RESULT OF THIS DECISION, NO OTHER STATE CAN LEGALLY
REQUIRE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AS PREREQUISITE TO PERMITTING
THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING. IN OTHER WORDS, RECIPROCITY
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO EXIST UNLESS FOREIGNERS
ARE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE IN EVERY STATE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE
AND ADVISE REGARDING REPLY.
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